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**BUSH ADMINISTRATION AWARDS NEARLY \$95 MILLION TO PROTECT CHILDREN  
AND FAMILIES FROM HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARDS IN THE HOME**

*Announcement marks Healthy Homes Month and 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of landmark legislation*

WASHINGTON – Noting that October is Healthy Homes Month, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Mel Martinez today announced \$94.7 million in grants designed to remove lead-based paint hazards as well as other health and safety dangers from low-income housing. The grants will also support research and pilot programs addressing such home health risks as allergens (which cause asthma), carbon monoxide and other dangers.

Martinez's announcement marks the tenth anniversary of landmark legislation intended to protect children from potentially deadly lead exposure. *The Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act* recognized modern scientific understanding that contaminated dust from lead-based paint is primarily responsible for poisoning children. Over the past decade, millions of children have been protected from dangerous lead as a result of the programs authorized by that legislation.

"There is nothing more imperative than protecting our children from exposure to lead and other home health hazards," said Martinez. "Today, we take another step toward a future when no mother or father will have to worry that their children will be poisoned by the very homes they live in."

More than \$86 million will be awarded to state and local governments to help remove lead-based paint hazards in nearly 35,000 homes. In addition, \$8.6 million in funding will support model programs, public education and scientific research on other home environmental and safety risks. The funding will be provided to more than 60 state and local governments, nonprofit organizations and research centers – the largest number of grantees in the history of HUD's Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes grant programs (see attached list).

Lead poisoning in children can reduce IQ, cause learning disabilities and impair hearing. Children who have elevated blood lead levels often experience reduced attention spans, are hyperactive and can exhibit behavior problems. At higher exposures, lead can damage a child's kidneys and central nervous system and cause anemia, coma, convulsions and even death. Nearly one million of the nation's children under age six have blood lead levels high enough to impair the ability to think, concentrate and learn.

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While average blood lead levels have declined significantly over the past decade, one in six low-income children living in older housing is believed to be lead poisoned. Pregnant women poisoned by lead can transfer lead to a developing fetus, resulting in adverse developmental effects.

HUD's lead hazard control program is working. Today, the Department estimates that 26 million fewer homes have lead-based paint compared to 1990 when the program began. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates the average amount of lead in children's blood has declined by 25% from 1996-99. Ten years ago, there was no federal funding for local lead hazard control work in privately owned housing; today, the HUD program is active in over 250 jurisdictions across the country.

In addition to today's funding, Martinez announced the release of an updated consumer-friendly publication entitled *Help Yourself to a Healthy Home: Protect Your Children's Health*. This guide provides parents an essential, easy-to-read family resource to help protect their children from the most common home health and safety risks. For a copy of this publication and to learn more about Healthy Homes Month and how you can protect your family from home environmental and safety hazards, visit <http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/healthyhomes/index.cfm>.

HUD is the nation's housing agency committed to increasing homeownership, particularly among minorities, creating affordable and decent housing opportunities for low-income Americans, supporting the homeless, elderly, people with disabilities and people living with AIDS. The Department also promotes economic and community development as well as enforces the nation's fair housing laws. More information about HUD and its programs is available on the Internet at [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov).

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## Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Grants

FY 02 Lead Hazard Control Grantees

\*Denotes renewed funding

STATE	APPLICANT NAME	AWARD
Arizona	City of Phoenix	\$2,160,000
California	Alameda County	\$2,160,000
	Riverside County	\$2,160,000
	San Diego Housing Commission	\$1,889,755
Colorado	City and County of Denver	\$1,237,725
Connecticut	*Town of Manchester	\$2,000,000
Iowa	City of Marshalltown	\$1,999,388
Illinois	*State of Illinois	\$2,000,000
	City of Springfield	\$2,160,000
	St. Clair County	\$2,158,687
Indiana	City of Indianapolis	\$1,754,527
Kentucky	City of Louisville	\$1,944,513
Maine	State of Maine	\$2,160,000
Massachusetts	*City of Cambridge	\$1,999,049
	* City of Lowell	\$2,000,000
	City of Malden	\$2,160,000
	Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$2,160,000
Michigan	City of Detroit	\$2,160,000
Missouri	Kansas City	\$1,680,744
	St. Louis County	\$2,159,981
North Carolina	City of Durham	\$2,018,016
	Rocky Mount	\$2,121,431
New Hampshire	City of Manchester	\$895,726
New Jersey	City of Vineland	\$1,423,995
New York	Chautauqua County	\$1,747,143
	Monroe County	\$2,082,240
	*City of Syracuse	\$2,000,000
Ohio	City of Akron	\$2,160,000
	City of Cincinnati	\$2,150,658
	City of Columbus	\$2,157,343
	*Mahoning County	\$2,000,000
	Montgomery County	\$1,296,000
	City of Newark	\$1,210,080
Oklahoma	Grand Gateway Economic Development Association	\$1,774,691
Pennsylvania	Allegheny County	\$2,160,000
Rhode Island	City of East Providence	\$1,530,922
	City of Providence	\$2,160,000
Texas	City of Austin	\$1,851,741
	City of Houston	\$2,160,000
Utah	Salt Lake County	\$1,296,000
Virginia	City of Lynchburg	\$2,139,781
	Commonwealth of Virginia	\$2,160,000
Wisconsin	Kenosha County	\$1,503,808
	*City of Milwaukee	\$2,000,000
	*State of Wisconsin	\$2,000,000
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$86,103,942</b>

## Healthy Homes Demonstration and Lead Technical Studies Grantees

STATE	APPLICANT NAME	AWARD
Arizona	City of Phoenix	\$950,000
	Phoenix Science and Technology	\$397,118
Massachusetts	University of Massachusetts	\$164,748
Maryland	Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning	\$872,032
	National Center for Healthy Housing	\$60,804
Montana	Montana State University	\$326,459
Missouri	Healthy Homes Network	\$920,805
	St. Louis University	\$700,000
North Carolina	Research Triangle Institute	\$194,194
	Advanced Energy	\$700,000
New Jersey	University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey	\$238,967
New York	Mount Sinai School of Medicine	\$950,000
	Urban Homesteading (UHAB) Inc.	\$263,191
Ohio	University of Cincinnati	\$159,734
	University of Cincinnati	\$188,150
Pennsylvania	City of Philadelphia	\$800,000
Wisconsin	City of Milwaukee Health Department	\$700,000
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$8,586,202</b>

### Summary:

Total of \$94,690,144 awarded to 62 grantees

Total of \$86,103,942 awarded for lead hazard control

Total of \$5,947,235 awarded to healthy homes model programs

Total of \$2,638,967 awarded for healthy homes scientific research